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REF: PARIS 21182; SYDNEY 1900

1. QUAI SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS OFFICER ALLINE GAVE EMBOFF LATEST RUNDOWN ON FRI AFFAIR AS FOLLOWS.

2. EXPLOSION OF FRI'S MOTOR WOUNDED NEW ZEALAND MEMBER OF CREW (PARA 6, SYDNEY'S 1900) WHO TRANSFERRED TO NEW ZEALAND NAVAL VESSEL FOR MEDICAL CARE. YACHT FURNISHED WITH THREE WEEKS' SUPPLY OF FOOD AND WATER AND SET SAIL FOR RAROTONGA.

3. LATEST INFO FROM FRENCH NAVY SAYS YACHT NOW APPEARS HEADED FOR TAHITI INSTEAD OF RAROTONGA. QUAI SPECULATES THAT CHANGE
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IN COURSE MAY BE DUE TO NEED FOR REPAIRS OR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES.

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QUAI DOES NOT BELIEVE CREW IS IN DANGER, ESPECIALLY SINCE FRI IS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER BOAT. "SPIRIT OF PEACE," AND IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE OF FRENCH NAVY.

4. IF FRI IS INDEED DESTINED TAHITI, FRENCH ARE DISPOSED TO ALLOW IT TO ENTER SECURITY ZONE UNDER FRENCH NAVAL ESCORT AND TO DOCK AT FRENCH NAVAL PIER IN PAPEETE. FRENCH WILL HELP WITH ANY NEEDED REPAIR AND/OR RESUPPLY BUT EXPECT FRI TO DEPART PROMPTLY WHEN IN CONDITION TO DO SO.

5. QUAI WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.STONE

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